Letters written by MPs to Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

4807. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The details of letters written by the members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) during the period 1.4.1994 to 31.3.1995 as many as 334 letters were received from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Out of them 112 were acknowledged and final replies were sent in respect of 122 letters. Replies to remaining letters wherever, necessary are being processed.

Finance to poor litigants

4808. SHRI V. HANUNANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to finance the poor litigants to help them at High Court and Supreme Court level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are taking to assist the poor litigants to get justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) There are, Legal Aid Committees at the High Courts and Supreme Court levels, which provide free legal services to the eligible poor litigants. There is no other proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Criteria to Expand Office of Register of Companies

4809. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria adopted by Government to expand offices of Registrar of Companies in States;

(b) whether there are more than one office of Registrar of Companies in any State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Government recognises the need for opening of additional offices of Registrar of companies in states with large number of companies. However, no final decision has been taken in this regard and the jurisdiction of such offices have not been finalised.

(b) and (c) In the State of Tamilnadu, there are two Registrars of Companies viz., one at Madras and other at Coimbatore. In Maharashtra, there is one Registrar of Companies at Bombay for the entire State and he also looks after the branch office in Bombay.

Hindi version of 152nd Report of Law Commission

4810. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 740 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state:

(a) when the Hindi translation relating to the 152nd Report of the 13th Law Commission on custodial crimes was actually started; and

(b) by when it will be over and will be laid on the table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A copy of